
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 25, 1853.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

AN ACT

Regulating the reports of the Patent Office, and providing for additional officers therein.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the Commissioner of Patents shall cause to be prepared a gen-
4 eral analytical and descriptive index or digest of all such dis-
5 coveries and inventions, patented under any act or acts of Con-
6 gress, as he shall deem important to be made known and pub-
7 lished, and of all such discoveries and inventions, made in this
8 country, as tend to illustrate those so patented as aforesaid, to
9 be accompanied with such appropriate drawings as are requi-
10 site for understanding the same; shall, from time to time, pub-
11 lish such portions thereof as are sufficiently prepared for that
12 purpose, and distribute and sell the same, as in his judgment
13 will be best for the public interests; and shall report the whole,
14 when complete, to Congress. And the net proceeds of the
15 sales hereby authorized shall be accounted for by him, and
16 credited to the patent fund.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, in lieu of the
 2 list of inventions and claims heretofore contained in the annual
 3 report of the Commissioner of Patents, he shall cause to be
 4 prepared and embraced in his annual report short intelligible
 5 descriptions of the several inventions and discoveries patented
 6 during the year, accompanied with such drawings as are neces-
 7 sary for understanding the same, and an analytical and alpha-
 8 betical index of the same, according to the subjects.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That one compiler,
 2 with an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars; one as-
 3 sistant compiler, with an annual salary of fifteen hundred dol-
 4 lars; and one engraver, with an annual salary of twelve hun-
 5 dred and fifty dollars; and one additional examiner and assistant
 6 examiner, to be paid like those now employed in the Patent
 7 Office,—shall be appointed in the manner provided in the sec-
 8 ond section of the act, approved July fourth, one thousand eight
 9 hundred and thirty-six, entitled “An act to promote the prog-
 10 ress of useful arts, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts here-
 11 tofore made for that purpose.”

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commis-
 2 sioner of Patents is hereby authorized to draw upon the pat-
 3 ent fund, from time to time, for such sums as shall be necessary
 4 to carry into effect the provisions of this act; and they are
 5 hereby appropriated for that purpose.